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To Whom It May Concern:

I am forwarding the enclosed correspondence from my constituent, Hannah Smith, for your consideration.

Please give her letter every possible consideration and furnish me with a full report.

With all best wishes and thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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I am an Independent Associate for Pre-Paid Legal Services. I live and conduct most of my business in the State of Minnesota. I am writing today about the FTC's proposed "Business Opportunity" rule (16 CFR Part 437).

I have been with Pre-Paid Legal for almost two years. My husband and I are 60 years old, and have nothing except Social Security to take us through our retirement years. I had no idea how we could make it through the years ahead until Pre-Paid Legal came into our life. This company is so full of integrity and teaches us to operate our business the same way. It has given me reason to have hope - and not only to support us financially but to show our children and grandchildren, many of whom live on Leech Lake Reservation, a new way to live their lives. BUT I AM CONCERNED BECAUSE THIS RULE WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON MY BUSINESS AND INCOME.

I don't understand the FTC's reasoning, but they would require a seven-day waiting period before new Associates can sign up as a Pre-Paid Legal sales associate.

The FTC would also require me to provide the names and phone numbers of the 10 nearest prior purchasers of the "Business Opportunity" to all potential associates. This seems to be a huge violation of privacy, not to mention the huge administrative burden.

The FTC would require me to provide a list of lawsuits filed against the company going back 10 years. Why? Our company has had lawsuits filed against it and has won every one!

While the FTC's rule might have some good intentions (which I don't understand), I believe it is ill conceived. Please contact the FTC and stop this proposed rule. Thank you.